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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 1/17/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant failed to respond to paragraph 1 in the Office Action dated 1/10/06 wherein the paragraph stated "The amendment filed on 10/20/05 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because claim 32 includes the claimed limitation of cancelled claim 6 wherein claim 6 has been withdrawn for pertaining to a non-elected embodiment." Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571) 272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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